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THE PLAGUE SITUATION.

Continuing the information contained in last week's issue of the Public Health Reports, no case of plague was reported in Porto Rico July 15. July 16 a positive diagnosis was made of a case in San Juan which had previously been reported as suspicious. July 17 no new cases. July 18, no new cases. July 19, a positive diagnosis was made of a case at Carolina which had been previously reported as suspicious. This makes the second case occurring in Carolina in addition to the one which developed at Loiza, 3 miles from Carolina, in a patient who had undoubtedly contracted the infection in Carolina. July 20, one new case was reported in San Juan and 2 new cases in Santurce. July 21, there were no new cases. This makes a total up to and including July 21 of 42 cases with 23 deaths in Porto Rico, of which 28 cases occurred in the old city of San Juan; 9 cases in Santurce, a residential suburb of San Juan; 2 at Carolina, a town 13 miles from San Juan; 1 at Loiza, a short distance from Carolina; 1 at Arroyo; and 1 at Dorado.

In Habana, July 22, a case which had been considered suspicious was positively diagnosed to be plague. The patient had resided in Baratillo Street in the same house as the second case of plague reported. The patient had been ill for nine days, during which time he had been isolated. Over 3,000 rats have been caught and necropsied in Habana without the finding of any rats that were plague infected.

ADDITIONS TO QUARANTINE REGULATIONS—PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RATS LEAVING VESSELS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, July 10, 1912.

To National, State, and local quarantine officers, collectors of customs, shipowners and agents, and others concerned:

In accordance with the act of Congress approved February 15, 1893, and to further prevent the entrance of plague into the United States, the following regulation, in addition to those contained in Quarantine Regulations of the Treasury Department issued October